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Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating the sharing of information in a computer network in which the information is used to at least partially complete online forms, the method comprising:

accessing a first data profile containing a non-filtered set of data corresponding to a first user;

creating ~~at least one a~~ filtered first data profile, ~~wherein said the filtered first data profile contains~~ containing a filtered set of data, wherein the filtered set of data is taken from the first data file; and

coalescing data from ~~said the~~ the filtered first data profile and data from a second data profile to construct a third data set wherein the third data set is used to complete an online form such that certain data items required by the online form relating to the first user are taken from ~~said the~~ the filtered first data profile portion of the third data set; and,

receiving a completed online form when the online form contains a modified data item, wherein the first data profile is updated with the modified data item.

2. (Currently amended) ~~A The method of sharing information as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of creating at least one the filtered first data profile profiles~~ further comprises selecting particular data items from the first data profile that the first user intends to share with ~~one or more a~~ a computer network users user.

3. (Currently amended) ~~A The method of sharing information as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of creating at least one the filtered first data profile~~ further comprises creating ~~a the~~ the filtered first data profile for a specific computer network user.

4. (Currently amended) ~~A The method as recited in of claim 3, wherein the specific~~

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computer network user is a gift giver and the first user is a gift receiver.

5. (Currently amended) A ~~The method as recited in~~ of claim 1, wherein a ~~the~~ filtered first data profile inherits privacy preferences from data items in the first data profile.
6. (Currently amended) A ~~The method as recited in~~ of claim 5, wherein privacy preferences attached to the filtered first data profile determine how the filtered first data profile will be used.
7. (Currently amended) A ~~The method as recited in~~ of claim 1, wherein the step of coalescing data from ~~said the~~ filtered first data profile and data from a ~~the~~ second data profile further comprises ~~taking~~ extracting data from the filtered first data profile relating to shipping and specific characteristics of the first user and ~~taking~~ extracting data from the second data profile relating to billing.
8. (Currently amended) A ~~The method as recited in~~ of claim 1 further comprising automatically filling in ~~an~~ the online form with data from the third data set once the first user has been selected by a second user.
9. (Currently amended) A ~~The method as recited in~~ of claim 8 further comprising requesting access to use the second data profile in response to a notification to ~~a~~ fill in ~~an~~ the online form.
10. (Currently amended) A ~~The method as recited in~~ of claim 9 further comprising granting access to the second data profile thereby enabling a computer network user to fill in the online form.
11. (Currently amended) A method of allowing an information requester to access data from an information provider in order to complete an online merchant form, the method comprising:
 - creating a filtered data set containing data that the information provider is willing to share with particular third-party users, including the information requester;
 - retrieving ~~an~~ the online merchant form upon request by ~~an~~ the information requester, the

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online merchant form having a plurality of fields;

inserting data from the information requester into a first subset of the plurality of fields;

and

granting access to the filtered data set by the information provider to the information requester so that data from the filtered data set is inserted into a second subset of the plurality of fields, wherein the online merchant form is from an online merchant not affiliated with any other online merchant; and,

receiving a completed online merchant form when the online merchant form contains a modified data item, wherein a first data profile is updated with the modified data item.

12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as recited in of claim 11, wherein the online merchant is not associated with a at least one of a network or and a group of other online merchants.

13. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as recited in of claim 11, further comprising: dynamically updating the filtered data set by with updated information from the information provider such that the information requester has access to only the updated information.

14. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as recited in of claim 13, wherein the filtered data set ~~can be~~ is updated by editing an underlying un-filtered data set under the control of the information provider.